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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER: AFREMOVA

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1651

FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
PROTEIN HYDROLYZATE

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 28, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please cancel Claims 1-6, without prejudice toward the further prosecution of these claims in a Continuation and/or Divisional application.

Please add the following new claims:

7. (New) A method for producing hydrolyzed protein by subjecting a vegetable

Amended